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## Rolly: Good cops jump in to the rescue

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When readers see a law enforcement officer out of line, they often contact me, and sometimes those cops appear in this column.

But when cops do good deeds, they often go unmentioned. Examples I have heard about lately demonstrate there are many great police officers out there watching your back.

The latest occurred Friday when Ricki Landers maneuvered her wheelchair at 9000 South and Bangerter Highway to protest Medicare rules that forced her ex-husband to be "incarcerated" in a nursing home in order to get intravenous antibiotics to quell an infection.

Gail Hansen could have gotten his IV treatments at home had he signed up for the confusing Medicare Part D. But like thousands of other eligible seniors, he didn't sign up so he doesn't qualify for the in-home service unless he pays \$87 per day for the meds.

Landers, an activist for people with disabilities, was making a sign to protest the policy when two West Jordan police officers stopped to see what she was doing. Shortly, they were joined by two more officers.

When she explained her quest, officers Scott List and Glen Finlayson walked into the intersection with her so they could keep her safe while she held up her sign.

Meanwhile, Sen. Orrin Hatch's office spent hours trying to find a pharmacy that would donate the meds, but his office's hands were tied as far as subverting federal policy for home nurse visits without the Medicare Part D participation.

**Pedal pusher:** Former Salt Lake City Mayor and Hinckley Institute of Politics Director Ted Wilson has a new job: He has teamed up with the Larry H. Miller sports enterprise to run the fledgling but growing Tour of Utah bicycle race.

Greg Miller, Larry's son, purchased the four-year-old nonprofit corporation from the Preston family of Utah County and hired Wilson to raise money for and direct the annual eight-day race, which, like the Tour de France, traverses different routes each day.

The race, which next year will run from June 30 to July 7, had 110 racers this year, including some of the United States' top cyclists. Wilson says the next step is to attract some European stars.

**Forgotten cause:** The Royal Court, a nonprofit outreach organization for the gay and lesbian community, hopes to raise enough money at its fundraiser Sunday to hand out \$100 each to at least 100 needy people suffering from AIDS - one of the forgotten segments of the community.

The \$20-per-person fundraiser will begin with a social hour at 4 p.m. at the Rose Wagner Black Box Theater. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a talent show.

To donate items for a silent auction at the fundraiser, or for more information on the event, interested parties can call Royal Court president Kim Russo at 661-7408. Russo says a person is diagnosed with AIDS in Utah every three days.

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